

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

D) making a plurality of outbound calls to a plurality of called parties from a single device, wherein the plurality of called parties includes at least a first called party and a second called party;

detecting which called parties answer the call; and

treating at least one the first called party differently from other called parties the second called party based on information associated with multiple called parties the second called party.

CX 26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the information associated with the multiple called parties the second called party includes answer information regarding which called parties answered the plurality of outbound calls whether the second called party answered the outbound call to the second called party.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the information associated with multiple called parties the second called party includes customer input from the second called party.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the information associated with ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party includes database information concerning the ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

D) 29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the information associated with the ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party includes responses to ~~requested requests for information from the multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the response to requested information includes an answer to a personal question.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the treating of the ~~at least one first called party differently from other called parties~~ the second called party includes determining a message to send to the ~~at least one called party~~ the first called party.

32. (Previously Added) The method of claim 31, wherein the message is a question.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the treating of the ~~at least one first called party differently from other called parties~~ the second called party includes connecting the first called party to a conference call.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the treating of the ~~at least one first~~ called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party includes executing an instance of a first script for a the first called party that operates independently of a second script for a the second called party.

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35. (Previously Added) The method of claim 34, further comprising the first script communicating with the second script.

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36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the treating of the ~~at least one first~~ called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party includes executing a first computer program for a the first called party that operates independently of a second computer program for a the second called party.

37. (Previously Added) The method of claim 36, further comprising the first computer program communicating with the second computer program.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for making a plurality of outbound calls to a plurality of called parties from a single device, wherein the plurality of called parties includes at least a first called party and a second called party;

means for detecting which called parties answer the call; and

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means for treating ~~at least one~~ the first called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party based on information associated with ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

39. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium storing a set of instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to:

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make a plurality of outbound calls to a plurality of called parties from a single device, wherein the plurality of called parties includes at least a first called party and a second called party;

detect which called parties answer the call; and

treat ~~at least one~~ the first called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party based on information associated with ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

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